Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-21 (Cancelled).

5   22. (Previously Presented) A label printing method for a disk storage medium, comprising the steps of:

loading a symbol set to a processor controlling a disk drive, with said symbol set including one or more predetermined symbols or graphics to be written to said disk storage medium;

10   reading one or more-alignment marks on said disk storage medium;

heating with a laser a thermally-sensitive layer formed on at least a portion of an upper surface of said disk storage medium; and

manipulating said laser with respect to said disk storage medium;

wherein said symbol set in conjunction with said one or more alignment

15 marks used to control the manipulating step in order to write said one or more predetermined symbols or graphics to said thermally-sensitive layer; and

wherein said one or more alignment marks were previously written to a data contents of said disk storage medium.

20   23. (Previously Presented) A label printing method for a disk storage medium, comprising the steps of:

loading a symbol set to a processor controlling a disk drive, with said symbol set including one or more predetermined symbols or graphics to be written to said disk storage medium;

25   reading one or more-alignment marks on said disk storage medium;

heating with a laser a thermally-sensitive layer formed on at least a portion of an upper surface of said disk storage medium; and

manipulating said laser with respect to said disk storage medium;

wherein said symbol set in conjunction with said one or more alignment

30 marks used to control the manipulating step in order to write said one or more predetermined symbols or graphics to said thermally-sensitive layer; and

ejecting said disk storage medium according to a predetermined orientation using digital data stored on said disk storage medium.

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